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Letter To Parents Of Schoolchildren

Dear Parents,

One year ago the new Appomattox County High School was released to the School Board. In September, 1974, 785 students reported for classes in this facility.

As a result of the new facility, the schools were re-organized for the 1974-75 session as follows: Appomattox Primary, grades K-2; Pamplin Elementary, grades K-6; Appomattox Elementary, grades 3-6; Appomattox Middle School, grades 7 and 8; Appomattox County High School, grades 9-12. This same organization will continue for 1975-76.

The 1974-75 school session was very successful. Many curricular opportunities were offered to students for the first time in vocational education, fine arts, special education, and reading and mathematics. One of the most significant indicators of the progress of students was the improvement in standardized test scores over previous years.

Your School Board, Central Office staff, principals, teachers and other school employees anticipate continued progress in student performance in 1975-76. All personnel have concentrated their efforts toward continued planning and management of the school system to achieve the highest possible level of effectiveness and efficiency.

Every effort has been made in preparation for students to enter school in September and experience a successful and rewarding year. Appropriate instructional materials are available, facilities are attractive and comfortable, and personnel are dedicated, competent and enthusiastic.

The student population continues to grow in Appomattox County. The enrollment in 1975-76 is expected to increase over 1974-75 by 100 pupils. All facilities will be fully utilized.

Students who attend the Appomattox Middle and Elementary Schools will be pleased to observe improvements in the physical facilities when they return to school in September. In the Appomattox Elementary School, four restrooms and the cafeteria kitchen have been renovated. The cafeteria has also been painted. The interior of the entire Appomattox Middle School has been renovated. Funds for these maintenance and improvement projects have come from the regular maintenance budget of the school system.

With the opening of this school session, forty-one buses will operate in the county. These buses operate a total of approximately 1,650 miles per day and transport 2,462 students. Your cooperation and assistance are needed to ensure that every precaution is taken to provide safe and efficient transportation for our students.

Students are under the supervision of the school from the time they board buses in the morning until they get off the buses in the afternoon. Rules and regulations regarding student conduct on buses will be published at a later date. Please review this information with your children and instruct them to cooperate with the bus drivers. Proper order on school buses is essential to safety.

The Appomattox County School Board and school employees express appreciation to the citizens of this county for the support and assistance you have given to the public school system. The educational program ranks among the top school systems in Virginia - not in dollars spent per student, but in the quality of the educational program offered.

We will continue to emphasize in 1975-76 effective communication with all persons involved in the school system. Parent involvement in the school program is needed. Understanding of the instructional program by parents is essential.

Schools will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 28 and 29 to meet parents and receive payment of student fees. Please take advantage of this opportunity and the demands on the first day of school will be less for everyone.

The school session 1975-76 offers continued challenges and opportunities. However, with the interest, enthusiasm, and support demonstrated by parents, students and school employees, your School Board looks forward to an outstanding year in the school system.

If we can be of assistance to you in the School Board Office, we shall welcome the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Lloyd G. Walton
Division Superintendent

Dress Revue

Attention All 4-Hers!

Do you want to be a model? Here's your chance to model garments that you have made yourself during this year. Whether or not you were in the county sewing classes you can model the clothing items you made this year. There will be 2 sections - "under 14" and "14 and over". A [illegible] for the Dress Revue [illegible] will be August 26, 7:30 at Appomattox County High School Cafeteria with the big show on August 28 again at the High School Cafeteria and is open to the public.

If you plan to enter our first annual Dress Revue, please call 352-8244 or come by the Extension Office and pick up an entry form. It's going to be a good show so let's have all you 4-Hers as our models!

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For August 24, 1975

GROWING AS WITNESSES

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 4:13-16; 8:4-5, 26-40; Romans 1:14-17; 1 Peter 3:13-16.

I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

While many types of service are needed to carry on God's work in the world, requiring a variety of talents and abilities on the part of believers, every believer has the obligation to play the role of witness to God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

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ways. Each in his own way is called upon to bear testimony to his commitment to God and to the transformation God is accomplishing in his life and to take God's message to others. As the bveliever grows in the knowledge and grace of God, he must grow, too, as a witness.

Witnessing to God's redemptive work in the world is a high calling. The importance of the role of witness was vividly set forth by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, "You are the salt of the earth," "You are the light of the world." In these descriptions of believers are challenge, compliment, and command.

Salt serves the dual purpose of preserving food from spoiling and of giving it flavor. The believer is called to live in society as salt, to preserve and to flavor it. To do so, he must preserve his own saltness. Pure salt keeps its saline quality, but it can become useless by becoming adulterated. Or it may be found so mixed with impurities that it cannot be used for preserving or seasoning food. William M. Thomson, in his excellent work on Palestine, "The Land and the Book," cites instances of Palestinian salt being left on the ground, exposed to sun and rain, and also stored in houses with earth floors becoming tasteless and useless. Such salt is fit only to be poured out on the roadway, for it would kill vegetation and render soil unfit for growing plants and grass. So it is with the Christian whose life becomes adulterated by selfishness and ungodliness and evil and the church body which dilutes its message by compromise with worldliness. They no longer are able to perform their function as witnesses.

Light, too, is essential. Jewish teaching regarded God as the light of the world, as it also did the nation of Israel and the sacred writings, especially the Pentateuch. Jesus carried the application to believers. Light enables people to see the obstacles and dangers and avoid them as they work and play and move about in the world. How much light means is appreciated by every one who has undertaken to walk an unfamiliar path in darkness.

The believer radiates a spiritual light which enables others to find the way to God and to realize the importance of finding it. The light he sheds is a reflection from the source of light, which is God. As he reflects that light, he witnesses to its source. As he lives in the light of God, he cannot hide its reflection, for others will see it, even as they could see the citadels of ancient cities surmounting the loftiest hills, as the Acropolis in Athens, or the city itself built on an eminence, as Jerusalem. But it one cuts himself off from God and builds around himself a shield of selfishness and ungodliness and evil against the divine radiance, he can no longer reflect the light which enables others to find the way to God.

The believer as witness is both salt and light. Among the varied ways in which he may witness, the most effective in his life. It is no mere rhetoric in the familiar hymn which has those who sing pledge "to preach thee, too, as love knows how, in kindly words and virtuous life." Some of the Scripture passages for this lesson relate examples of witnessing.

Witnessing to God's redemptive work in one's own life and in society is a work of the highest importance. Because of the life-giving power of the Gospel, the witness should be glad and proud to testify to it, rather than be timid or ashamed. It is the best ministry one can render, for its aim is to bring others into the redemption God has provided.

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Jordan News

Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

Regular preaching services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

On the 5th Sunday night there will be singing here at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

We are glad to report Deacon Cris Austin has returned home.

Remember to pray for the sick and shut-in.

The Pastor Speaks

"Behold a greater than Jonah is here." Matt. 12:41b

"Behold a greater than Solomon is here." Matt. 12:42b

Solomon was one of the greatest, wisest and most wealthy kings who ever lived. The Bible tells us there is someone much greater than he. Jonah was a preacher-evangelist in the Old Testament who saw a whole city turn to God at his preaching. There is someone greater than he. We can think of the greatest or the most famous persons we know who are alive today, and the Bible assures us that there is someone greater than the greatest person alive today.

Who is this person greater than the best who ever lived on this earth? He is Jesus, our Lord and God.

We read in the four gospels which have recorded Jesus' life, activities and teachings, that convince us that Jesus is greater than anyone who ever lived. One testimony to the power and greatness of Jesus' teaching is the reaction of the crowd after Jesus finished the Sermon on the Mount. We read in Matt. 7:28, 29, "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine; For he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes . . . There were many in Jesus' day who saw and heard him, but never accepted the fact of His greatness. I can imagine as Jesus was crucified and died, there were those who were glad that this one was finally silenced. But in God's plan, the resurrection was to take place. We have a living Saviour and Redeemer.

Today there are still many who doubt or rejct the fact of the greatness of Jesus Christ. There are many in our world today who rarely have time to think about Jesus. Going to church or reading their Bible is not a part of their life. Too busy for God. If this is true of your life, right now, let Jesus become Lord and Master of your life.

I am thankful in our world today, that there are many who know that there is no one greater than the Lord Jesus Christ and who are giving Him first place in their lives. They love Him and live for Him every moment of every day. We praise God for His faithful servants.

Rev. Paul Balthaser, Pastor
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Oakville

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin were Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Moore, of Lynchburg. Sunday dinner guests in the Martin home were Mrs. Johnny Kerns, Johnny and Vicki and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page.

Mrs. Clarke Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lewis attended the 200th anniversary of Liberty Chapel Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson have returned home after several days camping at Smith Mountain Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin have their grandchildren visiting with them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. and Mrs. W. L. Coleman, of Oakville and Mr. Richard Martin, of Covington, have returned home after vacationing in Memphis, Tennessee and Hattisburg, Miss. They visited with Jimmy Martin and family who now live in Memphis. Their grandson, Wes, accompanied them to Hattisburg where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Yelverton and back to Oakville. Wes will return to Memphis Sunday with his father who will be here for the week end.

Faith of Pamplin, were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Franklin and family of Appomattox.

Glad to see Mrs. Lockie Moore at church Sunday after being sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson left Friday afternoon for a week end at Clarksville and Buggs Island.

B. B. Harris, Sr. returned home from the hospital Thursday.

Rev. W. H. Elder filled the pulpit at Rocks Sunday in the absence of the pastor, who was away on vacation.

He brought a fine message at both services. Special music was reduced by both choirs: Duet by Cindy Roach and Jane Almond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Richardson and Sabrina attended the service at Liberty Chapel Church Sunday.

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